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SUBJECT: SWEDISH PARLIAMENTARIANWITNESSES PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST
STRONG-ARM SQUADS IN ACTION

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1. COMMUNIST SUPPRESSION OF THE OPORTO CONGRESS OF THE
SOCIALDEMOCRATIC CENTER PARTY (CDS) WAS PROMINENTLY FEATURED
IN THE SWEDISH PRESS JAN 27. REACTIONS VARIED, WITH STRONG
CONDEMNATION REFLECTED IN CONSERVATIVE DAILY SNKA DAGBLADET,
AND SEMI-APOLOGY IN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AFTONBLADET BECAUSE
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CDS "REPRESENTS GROUPS IN SOCIETY WHICH WERE CLOSELY
CONNECTED WITH FACISM." FURTHER CVERAGE AND EDITORIAL
COMMENT CAN BE EXPECTED.

2. SVENSKA DAGBLADET REPORTED THAT SWEDISH MODERATE PARTY
PARLIAMENTARIAN BERTIL OF UGGLAS AND MODERATE PARTY YOUTH
LEADJ CARL BILDT WERE AMONG FOREIGN OBSERVERS TRAPPED
IN CONGRESS HALL. EDITORIAL IN SAME PAPER COMMENTED THAT
ALTHOUGH CP IN PORTUGAL SMALLER THAN OTHER MAJOR PARTIES
"WHAT THEY LAK IN NUMBERS THEY ARE EVIDENTLY FIRMLY
DETERMINED TO MAKE UP BY VIOLENCE AND DICTATORIAL METHODS."

3. LEFT-LEANING DAGENS NYHETER AVOIDED EDITORIAL COMMENT
JANUARY 27 BUT CARRIED WESTERN WIRE SERVICE ACCOUNTS AND
INCLUDED REFERENCE TO DEMONSTRATORS AS "TROTSKYITES AND
ANARCHISTS." SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAILY AFTONBLADET WENT A
STEP FURTHER AND WHILE TERMING SIEGE OF CONGRESS "UNFORTUNATE,"
OFFERED PARTIAL JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION BY ASSERTING THAT
CDS CONNECTED TO FACIST INTERESTES. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL US. MFA OFFICIAL WHO FOLLOWS
PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS TOLD EMBASSY OFFICER GOS REGARDS
EPISODE AS "OMINOUS" SIGN OF COMMUNIST WILLINGNESS TO
USE UNDEMOCRATIC METHODS. SWEDISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC
PARTY DELEGATION OF 14 IS CURRENTLY VISITING PORTUGAL
(STOCKHOLM 354) AS PART OF GOVERNMENT-SPONSORED EFFORT
TO STRENGTHEN SOARES SOCIALISTS AGAINST COMMUNISTS.
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